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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EINV, RP  
SUBJECT: MARCOS CREATES COMMITTEE TO STUDY PD 1352 (VI)

REF: MANILA 8524 AND PREVIOUS

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS CREATED A CABINET COMMITTEE TO ASSESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF PD 1352 WHICH ELIMINATED THE TAX INCENTIVES PROVIDED UNDER INVESTMENT AND EXPORT INCENTIVE ACTS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS. COMPOSING THE COMMITTEE ARE FINANCE SECRETARY CESAR VIRATA, INDUSTRY SECRETARY VICENTE PATERNO AND ECONOMIC PLANNING SECRETARY GERARDO SICAT.
2. PATERNO WANTS A GRANDFATHER CLAUSE TO EXEMPT ALL FIRMS REGISTERED WITH BOI PRIOR TO APRIL 21, 1978, THE DATE THE

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DECREE WAS SIGNED. VIRATA HAS PUBLICLY STATED IN THE PRESS THAT HE OPPOSES A BLANKET EXEMPTION AND WOULD ONLY CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE FIRM'S FINANCIAL CONDITION. VIRATA INSISTED THAT FIRMS ALREADY OPERATING AND GENERATING INCOMES SHOULD PAY THEIR SHARE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED FOR & ON THEIR BEHALF.

3. PRESS ALSO WIDELY REPORTED VIRATA'S STATEMENT THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, WANT TO IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON PHILIPPINE EXPORTS BECAUSE OF THE SUPPOSED SUBSIDY GRANTED THROUGH THE TAX INCENTIVES. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "IF THESE COUNTRIES WANT TO COLLECT THE TAXES THAT WE LOST THROUGH THESE INCENTIVES, WE MIGHT AS WELL SCRAP THESE INCENTIVES AND COLLECT THE TAXES OURSELVES." TOUSSAINT

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